

Abbreviations and Terminology

Abbreviation or Terminology	Meaning	Additional Information
<i>Terms highlighted in grey may be terms no longer actively used by CWCS, but may occasionally be referenced. For additional abbreviations or acronyms frequently used in the academic setting, please visit: Acronyms and Initialisms</i>		
A-G		Courses from California high schools used to satisfy the "a-g" subject requirements must be certified by UC and appear on the school's "a-g" course list
ACOE	Alameda County Office of Education	Connecting Waters Charter School, East Bay Authorizer
ACT	American College Testing	The organization responsible for the ACT Assessment college
AESS	Additional Education Specialist (ES) Services	
AIMSweb	Academic Improvement Monitoring System (Web based)	A research based, data-tracking tool
aLL	Attendance Learning Logs	Student attendance rollsheets
AoR	Acknowledgment of Responsibilities	Formerly known as the Assessment Confirmation form
AP	Advanced Placement	The placement of a student in a high school course that offers college rigor
AP	Adequate Progress	A positive ROI Difference indicates the student is making enough progress towards closing academic gaps
AoRM	Academy of Reading and Math	A systematic and completely web-based intervention solution that helps at-risk elementary, middle and high school students develop math and reading skills
AW	AIMSweb	See AIMSweb Terminology
AWR	Assignment Work Record	Documented student learning (Formally known as a Learning Record)
BC	Birth Certificate	Required once the student has been activated
BM	Benchmarking	A systematic process to evaluate students by comparison with a standard of measure
CAA	California Alternate Assessments	Assessment for qualifying students for ELA and mathematics as part of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) System
CAASPP	California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress	California's new testing and accountability program based on CCSS
CAHSEE	California High School Exit Exam	Assessment formally required by CA for High

		School completion
CALPADS	California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System	Is used to maintain individual-level data including student demographics, course data, discipline, assessments, staff assignments, and other data for state and federal reporting.
CalSAAS	California State Assignment Accountability System	A database that identify exceptions or potential misassignments in the state of California's educational system.
CHSPE	California High School Proficiency Exam	If eligible to take and pass the test, its the legal equivalent of a high school diploma www.chspe.net
CAI	Computer Aided Instruction	Electronically supported learning and teaching
CAST	California Science Test	California's statewide science assessment for students in grades five and eight and once in high school.
Catalogue	<i>(not an acronym)</i>	Catalogue Ordering feature in OPS allows for administration to customize product ordering
CBM	Curriculum Based Measure	A method teachers use to determine how students are progressing in basic academic areas such as math, reading, writing, and spelling
CCSS	Common Core State Standards	Often referred to as the California State Content Standards
CELDT	California English Language Development Test	Past state mandated test that school districts were required to administer to students whose home language was not English. The state of CA now gives the ELPAC.
Check	<i>(not an acronym)</i>	The assessments used in Progress Monitoring (known as "probes").
CHYA	California Healthy Youth Act	January 2016 law that requires districts to provide students with comprehensive sexual health
CMS	Classroom Managed System	In the SIS, how a Moodle or LC class is denoted (multiple student icon).
Core Instruction	Sometimes referred to as Tier 1	Differentiated Instruction with Universal Access; High Quality Instruction; High Expectations; Assessment & Data Collection; Problem Solving Approach
CSF	California Scholarship Federation	Recognizes students living in the state of California who possess high standards in academics
CSA	California Spanish Assessment	Measures a student's competency in Spanish language arts and provides student-level data in Spanish competency
CST	California Standards Test	Standards based assessments which are administered every spring to students in grades 2-11. CST is the main feature of the STAR program.
CSU	California State University	

CTE	Career Technical Education	Career readiness pathway for high school
CWCS	Connecting Waters Charter Schools	
CWRC	Connecting Waters Resource Center	
CWEBRC	Connecting Waters East Bay Resource Center	
CWCVRC	Connecting Waters Central Valley	
DELAC	District English Learner Advisory Committee	Committee of stakeholders who advise the governing board regarding ELL education
D-ELD / DELD	Designated English Language Development	Instruction provided during a time during the regular school day for focused instruction on the state-adopted ELD standards
DMS	Delta Management Systems	CWCS Consulting Management Company for the schools Finances, Accounts Payable, and Human Resources/Payroll
EE	Effective Educator	Per the United States Department of Education, an EE (formerly known as a Highly Qualified Teacher, ie HQT) is one who: (1) holds a bachelor's or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning, (2) is appropriately licensed by the state, and (3) has demonstrated subject matter competence in each core academic subject.
ELL/EL	English Language Learner / English Learner	References students who are learning English as a 2nd language
ELA	English Language Arts	
ELAC	English Learner Advisory Committee	Committee of stakeholders who advise the governing board regarding ELL education for an individual school
ELPAC	English Language Proficiency Assessments for California	Assessment used to identify students who are limited in English, important so these students can receive needed supports. There are 2 ELPACs: Initial and Summative,
ELD	English Language Development	
EMR	Educational Materials Resources	Educational expenses in OPS for materials, supplies, and or product
EO	English Only	Refers to a student who's primary first language is English
ERWC	Expository Reading and Writing Course	
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act	Emphasizes equal access to education, sets high standards for academic performance, and demands a rigorous level of accountability from schools and districts

ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act	US law passed in December 2015 that governs the United States K-12 public education policy
EU	Educational Units (Instructional Funds)	1 EU = \$1 student instructional funding in OPS
ES	Education Specialist	CA Credentialed Teacher
ESLRs	Expected Schoolwide Learning Results	Student Learning Outcomes
FAFSA	Free Application for Federal Student Aid	form that Seniors fill out by March 2nd (in CA) to get financial aid from the federal government to help pay for college. www.fafsa.gov
Funding Drop	Instructional Funds Deposit	In OPS
GAFE form	Google Apps for Education	ES Support>Computer Related
GPA	Grade Point Average	
GS	Goal Setting	The process of setting a measurable outcome to serve as the aim of the student's educational achievement
HS	High School	A 9-12th grade student
HSI	High School Intensive	Policy and program for underperforming high school students
HQT	Highly Qualified Teacher	Per the United States Department of Education, a Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) is one who: (1) holds a bachelor's or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning, (2) is appropriately licensed by the state, and (3) has demonstrated subject matter competence in each core academic subject. Synonymous with "EE".
IEP	Individualized Education Program	Special Education
IF	Instructional Funding	Education Specialist's budget for a student also termed EU.
IFEP	Initial Fluent English Proficient	Status given to a student whose English skills show as proficient on the Initial ELPAC.
IILI	Intensive Instructional Level Indicator	Cut-off between Tier 2 and Tier 3 by end of year. This score is used as part of a formula to determine the slope needed for a student to close academic gaps.
Intensive Instruction	Sometimes referred to as Tier 3 (CWCS Approved RtI Options 1-3)	Increased Frequency & Duration; Scientific Research Based Intensive Interventions; Continuous Progress Monitoring
Intensive Intervention Curriculum	Sometimes referred to at CWCS as Options 1, 2 and 3	Scientific Research-Based Interventions
K-8		A Kindergarten through 8th grade student
LCAP	Local Control Accountability Plan	Plan that describes CWCS' overall vision for students, annual goals and specific actions the

		district will take to achieve the vision and goals.
LCFF	Local Control Funding Formula	California's new school funding system
LGL	Let's Go Learn	A systematic and completely web-based intervention solution that helps at-risk elementary, middle and high school students develop math and reading skills
LMS	Learning Management System	i.e. Moodle, Canvas
LP	Learning Period	Time lapsed between ES/Parent/Student meetings (no less than 20 days)
LR / LR Meetings	Learning Record (Meetings)	Parent, ES and student meetings to evaluate student work and progress
LTEL	Long Term English Learner	a formal educational classification given to students who have been enrolled in American schools for more than six years, who are not progressing toward English proficiency, and who are struggling academically due to their limited English skills
MA	Master Agreement	Formerly known as a Student Agreement
MAA	Master Agreement Addendum	Completed when a student is assigned a new teacher
Maze	<i>(not an acronym)</i>	A progress monitoring probe used to assess how well the student comprehends
M-CAP	Mathematics Concepts and Applications	A progress monitoring probe that measures a student's math reasoning and application skills
MCS	Modesto City Schools	Connecting Waters Charter School, Central Valley Authorizer
M-COMP	Mathematics Computation	A progress monitoring probe that measures a student's math computation skills
MDTP	Mathematics Diagnostic Testing Project	Readiness tests aligned to the new California Common Core Standards for Mathematics
MMARS	Multiple Measures Online Reporting	Online access to state test results for students
NCLB	No Child Left Behind	Act of 2001; US Act of Congress that was a reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act; aid program for disadvantaged students
NGSS	Next Generation Science Standards	New science standards adopted 2013
NHS	National Honor Society	Nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students
OML	Online Managed Licenses	Online programs which require administrative management on the vendor platform
OPS	Online Purchasing System	Database used to create and track student Purchase Orders, student Education Units, and

		non-consumable PO inventory
PAC	Parent Advisory Council	Ensures CW receives maximum parent input
PBE	Personal Beliefs Exemption	Immunization waiver
Percentile		The current percentile tells where the students score in comparison to students in the same grade across the country
PFT	Physical Fitness Testing	State-mandated test to be administered to 5th, 7th & 9th grade students annually in California public schools
PLIP	Personalized Learning Improvement Plan	See CWCS Curriculum Policy
PLS	Personalized Learning System	Part of the SIS, an Independent Study class (single student icon): *(blue)= SE student *(Red) = EL Student*(Orange) = 504 Student *(Green) - PLT Student
PLT	Personalized Learning Team	A group that evaluates a child's performance, makes recommendations for success and develops a formal plan
PM	Progress Monitoring	A scientifically based practice that is used to assess students' academic performance and evaluate the effectiveness of instruction
PO	Purchase Order	A purchase contract between the school and vendor
POR	Proof of Residence	Proof of address for enrollment or change of address
PR	Portfolio Review	Process in which HQT/EE can verify learning
PSAT	Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test	The PSAT assesses the critical reading, mathematics, and writing skills students need for college and beyond
PT	Performance Task	
RC	Report Card	
R-CBM	Reading Curriculum Based Measure	A progress monitoring probe used to assess a student's reading fluency and accuracy
RFEP	Reclassified Fluent English Proficient	Status given to an English Learner who achieves the criteria to become reclassified.
ROI	Rate of Improvement	Spring score minus Fall Score (or Winter minus Fall) divided by 36 weeks (or 18 weeks)
ROI Diff	Rate of Improvement Difference	Comparison of student's ROI with a typical, or average, ROI for that student's grade level
RtI	Response to Instruction	A method of academic intervention to provide early, systematic assistance to students who are having difficulty learning
SAT	Scholastic Aptitude Test	Accepted by more than 2000 colleges and universities, the SAT helps demonstrate what

		you've learned in school and your readiness for college-level work.
SBAC	Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium	Consortium that developed next-generation assessments
Scantron	<i>(not an acronym)</i>	A computer-adaptive test that quickly pinpoints the proficiency level of students in reading and math
SCOE	Stanislaus County Office of Education	County of sponsoring district (Waterford)
SELA	Student English Language Acquisition Status	
SGL	Small Group Instructors	School Employee Tutor or a Work Group Instructor hired by the Executive Director.
SOC	Statement of Conscience	If a student is not fully immunized they must complete this form acknowledging they cannot attend on-site classes or events
SI	Study Island	An academic software provider of standards-based assessment, instruction, and test preparation e-learning programs
SIS	Student Information System	Main data base used to store student information; Formerly known as FRED – this is the data and record keeping system from School Pathways
SM	Strategic Monitoring	Monthly assessment for students who have been identified as at-risk in the Benchmark or universal screening process
SPED	Special Education	
STAR	Standardized Testing and Reporting	California's testing and accountability program
Strategic Instruction	Sometimes referred to as Tier 2	In Addition to Tier 1: More Time, More Focus, Possible Scientific Research-Based Interventions; Strategic Instructional Strategies; Continuous Progress Monitoring
Supplemental Instruction	<i>(not an acronym)</i>	Academic support model; curriculum/instruction used to improve student retention and success within targeted historically difficult courses
Target	Grade Level Target	Approximately the 40th%ile; relates to within average. Not a guarantee of proficiency.
TIDE	Test Information Distribution Engine	
Tiers	RtI Tiers (I, II, or III)	Tier I: Core (above ~40th%ile); Tier II: Strategic Support(~26-40th%ile); Tier III: Intensive Instruction (~0-25th%ile)
UC	University of California	
Universal Screening	<i>(not an acronym)</i>	An assessment tool used as the first step in

		identifying the students who are at risk for learning difficulties
VC	Visiting Committee	WASC Team assigned to review our school during the accreditation process
VCI	Vendor Course Instruction	Educational expenses for Independent Contractor's educational activity or service in OPS
VPA	Visual Performing Arts	Usually refers to dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts at the high school level
VPSS	Verification Process for Special Settings	Program designed to enable teachers in secondary alternative programs to meet NCLB highly qualified teacher requirements
VR	Vendor Relations	Vendor Relations is part of Business Services Department for the product vendors and Independent Contractors
WASC	Western Associations of Schools & Colleges	Regional accrediting association in the United States
WRAT	Wide Range Achievement Test	A research based achievement test which measures a student's ability to read words, comprehend sentences, spell, and compute solutions to math problems